

condition for allowance is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice and amend the claims as rewritten below.

4. (Twice Amended) A side air bag for inflation by an inflator mechanism for expanding the side air bag alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a connecting portion;

[said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;]

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material;

a linear connecting portion for partitioning in parallel with a flow direction of an inflator gas is formed on a center region of said bag portion by stitching connecting said two woven fabric panels; and

an inflator-side terminal portion of the stitching being formed having one of a U-shape or a circular shape.

8. (Amended) [A] The side air bag according to claim 4 wherein [for inflation by a mechanism for expanding the bag portion alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a connecting portion;

said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material; and]

said connecting portion is non-continuous having a gap to form an opening for introducing an inflator gas, said opening being defined by said connecting portion and said two woven fabric panels.

11. (Amended) The side air bag as recited in claim 8 or claim [9] 4, wherein one of said two woven fabric panels or said textile structure is extended outwardly